

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated January 24, 2007. Claims 32 to 40 are pending in the application, of which Claims 32, 36 and 37 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 37 to 40 were objected to for a typographical error. Applicants have corrected the typographical error as requested by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection.

Claims 32, 36 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,373,588 (Fischer) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,512,592 (Simpson) and U.S. Patent No. 5,481,353 (Hicks). Claims Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Turning to specific claim language, amended independent Claim 32 is directed to a control method for a printing system, the printing system including an information processing apparatus and a print device, the information processing apparatus having a printer driver designated a presentation mode as a print setting and the print device capable of executing an ordinary print process or a presentation-mode print process which makes presentation material and distribution material. The method comprises performing by the information processing apparatus: a job issue step of issuing a single print job according to print setting set by a user via Graphical User Interface of the printer driver. The print device performs: a judgment step of judging whether or not the single print job contains a specific command which designates the presentation mode; a step of, in a case where it is judged in said judgment step that the single print job does not contain

the specific command, executing an ordinary print process; and a step of, in a case where it is judged in said judgment step that the single print job contains the specific command, executing the presentation-mode print process which makes presentation material and the distribution material from presentation material data included in the single print job corresponding to the specific command in the single print job that designates the presentation mode, wherein said information processing apparatus adds the specific command that designates the presentation mode to the single print job, the specific command is a command to designate the presentation-mode print process, a command to designate the number of copies of the distribution material made from the presentation material data included in the single print job, and a color setting command of the distribution material.

The primary reference, Fischer, discloses a page printer 10 having a banner page manager 60. The page printer 10 receives print jobs from a host 45 that may or may not include a banner page. (See FIG. 2A to FIG. 2D). The banner page manager parses the print jobs to determine if a banner page is present. If so, the banner page manager performs special processing of the banner page. As one example, the special processing may include multiple copy processing in which the banner is printed independently of the other pages in the print job. (See Fischer, FIG. 5). However, there is no disclosure or suggestion in Fischer that the paper printer operates on the print job other than to selectively process the banner page. Specifically, there is no suggestion that the printer, using presentation material data included in the single print job (for example, just the documents representing an overhead presentation), makes presentation material and the

distribution material corresponding to the specific command in the single print job that designates the presentation mode.

Furthermore, Fischer discloses that in MOPYing (multiple original copying) a multiple original copy is obtained during a print job (column 1, lines 41-45), that the print job includes a number of copies (column 7, line 63), and that the print setting includes "color characteristics" (column 7, lines 40-41). However, Fischer fails to disclose that these attributes are contained in a single specific command, such as a single command, such as a command in a Printer Job Language (PJP). That is, Fischer does not disclose the relation between a PJP header/trailer and the MOPYing. Further, the MOPYing, which is the operation for obtaining a multiple original copy from a "single" job, is different from the feature of the present invention for printing a presentation material and a distribution material by adding a specific command designating a presentation mode to a single job. Moreover, the method of Claim 32 further features that the presentation material and the distribution material are made from the data of the presentation material included in the single job.

Simpson discloses a multiple copy ("MOPY") function as well. In Simpson, it is a host 104 that determines that a print job contains multiple copies to be printed, strips the copies out, and then sends a single "copy" plus a copy count to the printer. (See FIG. 4). However, as in Fischer, there is no disclosure or suggestion in Simpson that the printer, using presentation material data included in the single print job, makes presentation material and the distribution material corresponding to the specific command in the single print job that designates the presentation mode.

Hicks discloses constructing a print job having transparencies, dividers, master sets and handout sets from scanned documents. However, as in Fischer and Simpson, there is no disclosure or suggestion in Hicks that the printer, using presentation material data included in the single print job, makes presentation material and the distribution material corresponding to the specific command in the single print job that designates the presentation mode.

Therefore, modifying Fischer in light of Simpson and Hicks as suggested in the Office Action (which the Applicant does not acknowledge as being proper) creates at best a system where a complex print job, including a first and second class of print data (for example, Fischer's banner as a first class and Fischer's print pages as a second class), is generated by a host, and that print job is transmitted to a printer along with a copy count used to print the second class of print data. However, in such a system, the second class of print data is fully specified in the complex print job while the only processing done by the printer is printing multiple copies of the second class of data in accordance with the copy count.

In light of the deficiencies of Fischer, Simpson and Hicks as discussed above, Applicant submits that amended independent Claim 32 is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

Amended independent Claims 36 and 37 are directed to a computer-readable storage medium and a system, respectively, substantially in accordance with the method of Claim 32. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claims 36 and 37 are also now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

The other pending claims in this application are dependent from the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed allowable for at least the same reasons. However, as each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, individual consideration of each dependent claim on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.